

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Ms. FRANKEL. Madam Speaker, on roll call votes 52, 53, and 54, I was not present because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "YEA," "YEA," and "YEA" respectively.

IN HONOR OF LANCE CORPORAL
RILEY S. KUZNIA

HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PETERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Lance Corporal Riley S. Kuznia of Karlstad, Minnesota who was tragically killed at the age of 20 from an accidental weapon discharge on January 1, 2019 at the Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C. From a young age, Lance Corporal Kuznia wanted to serve in the military and committed himself to protecting our country.

Lance Corporal Kuznia's leadership abilities were evident from the very beginning of his service. After graduating from Tri-County High School in 2017, he joined the Marine Corps within days of turning 18. He was soon serving on active duty at the Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C., the oldest post of the Corps, and responsible for post security and policing at the barracks. According to the Star Tribune, the post's commanding officer, Colonel Don Tomich, said, "Riley was a highly driven and goal-oriented Marine whose positive attitude set the example here at the barracks." It was clear that he loved serving in the Marine Corps, and he had a bright future ahead of him.

I wish to extend my condolences to the family of Lance Corporal Kuznia. He was a bright young man whose discipline and commitment should be admired by this Congress.

COMMEMORATING THE FORTIETH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE NA-
TIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOND
LAWYERS

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Mr. STIVERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of Ohio's Fifteenth Congressional District and join with my colleague, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the National Association of Bond Lawyers.

Since its inception in 1979, the National Association of Bond Lawyers has worked diligently to advance the integrity and knowledge of the municipal market. Through the education of its members and other public finance stakeholders, the Association has aided countless communities in finding creative financing opportunities to reach their goals.

As Co-Chairs of the House of Representatives Municipal Finance Caucus, we appre-

ciate the Association's continued commitment to education and the expertise its Members are able to provide relating to legislation, regulations, and rulings affecting tax-exempt bonds and taxable bonds, as well as court and administrative proceedings. These bonds are a crucial funding source for the critical infrastructure that spans our nation, delivering essential services and uniting millions of Americans.

United by a common goal and working for the public good, the Association has been an important partner for Congress, industry partners, and federal regulators. Never straying from its core mission, education, the forum the Association provides has led to advancements in the field of public finance for the past four decades.

We wish to congratulate President Dee Wisor and the entire Executive Board, and the dedicated Members across the country, as they commemorate this milestone on February 5, 2019, and encourage our colleagues to join us in wishing the National Association of Bond Lawyers many more years of success.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF SHERI
BOHIGIAN

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Sheri Bohigian, who passed away on December 20, 2018 at the age of 72. Sheri will be remembered as a loving wife, mother and dedicated member of our community. It is both fitting and appropriate that we honor Sheri for her dedication to our Valley.

Sheri was born on November 11, 1946 in Fresno, California to Kent and Nikki Bowlan. Her father was a Colonel in the United States Air Force, which required the family to move frequently. They traveled to Scotland, the Marshall Islands, Alaska, Illinois, Seattle, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. Traveling became one of Sheri's favorite things to do. Sheri's parents gave her the motivation she needed to help her believe in herself. Her mother's outgoing personality and father's humble traits shaped her into a selfless, eating young lady. These traits went along with her everywhere she went.

Sheri attended the University of Missouri, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism. She then met the love of her life Tom Bohigian. They were blessed with one son, Stephen. Throughout their marriage Sheri and Tom shared many memorable moments, traveling and camping at Lake Tahoe, Yosemite, and Kings Canyon National Park and exploring parts of Europe together. Sheri also enjoyed the company of her many dear friends, frequently hosting dinners and gatherings in her home.

Sheri served her community in a number of ways. She was on the Board of Directors and volunteered for the San Joaquin River Parkway. Sheri retired from the San Joaquin Valley Air District after nine years of service. She cared about the world around her and hoped to leave it a better place for generations to come.

Sheri is survived by her husband Tom, son Stephen, and many wonderful friends.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Sheri Bohigian. Sheri leaves behind a remarkable legacy of love and selflessness. It is my honor to stand with Sheri's family in celebration of her great life.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. J. DAVID
KEANEY

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate J. David Keaney on receiving career recognition by the National Electrical Contractors Association ("NECA") and his retirement as Executive Manager of the Western Massachusetts and Central Massachusetts Chapters of NECA.

Dave Keaney grew up in Western Massachusetts. He graduated from Cathedral High School and attended American International College in Springfield, Massachusetts obtaining a bachelor's degree in 1961 and master's degree in 1965. He went on to attend Western New England College Law School and was a member of the class of 1970. He was subsequently admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in 1972. His political relationship with Western Massachusetts began with the friendship of Mayor William Sullivan and culminated as General Counsel for Sheriff Michael Ashe of Hampden County. This relationship would serve him well, leading him to work for the Second Congressional District and the Hon. Edward Patrick Boland, Jr. beginning on December 1, 1968. Dave would serve Congressman Boland for twenty years. He would go on to serve in my Congressional office for the next twelve years offering me unwavering advice on all matters affecting the constituency of the district. His counsel in these areas was uncompromising and steadfast.

Over Mr. Keaney's 46 years of service to NECA he has been essential to the harmony of labor relations between electrical contractors and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers ("IBEW") in both Western and Central Massachusetts. Dave has negotiated dozens of labor agreements and resolved labor disputes with the local IBEW unions, both in Massachusetts and in Washington, D.C., always in a professional manner aimed at furthering the industry for the benefit of all.

Mr. Keaney has also chaired and served on numerous committees focused on improving the health and welfare of workers, pension funds, and the training and education of electricians. He has assisted with the implementation of joint apprenticeship and training programs in Springfield and Worcester, established to educate and train members of the IBEW to become superior electricians and leaders in the industry.

Madam Speaker, through his counsel, leadership, and collegiality, Dave Keaney has assisted contractors and electricians to bring power, light, and communications technology to Western and Central Massachusetts communities; always leaving customers satisfied with the work provided. Dave's advice and counsel to generations of electrical contractors has enhanced the chapter's market share, provided impacted workplace safety and productivity, and created mutually beneficial working conditions for electrical contractors and

workers alike. I wish my friend all the best in his future endeavors and thank him for his public service and his contribution to the industry.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, January 24, 2019, I missed votes in the House due to a family commitment in Illinois. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 50; and "nay" on Roll Call No. 51.

INTRODUCTION OF CIVICS LEARNING ACT OF 2019

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Civics Learning Act of 2019, a bipartisan bill that focuses on increasing civic participation by ensuring that young people in our country receive a strong civics education.

It might surprise you to learn that, according to the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania, in 2018 only 32 percent of Americans surveyed were capable of naming all three branches of government. Only 30 percent of Americans surveyed knew that the Senate is in charge of confirming Supreme Court nominees. In 2017, only 37 percent of Americans surveyed could name any of the rights guaranteed under the First Amendment. In 2014, only 23 percent of eighth graders performed at or above the proficient level on the National Assessment of Educational Progress civics exam. This startling reality makes it clear that civics education in this country is in need of renewed focus.

Madam Speaker, the Civics Learning Act of 2019 promotes new and existing evidence-based strategies to strengthen and prioritize innovative civics learning and teaching by encouraging innovative American history, civics and government, and geography instruction. Professional development activities, programming, and learning strategies would also be available to prepare teachers, principals, and other school leaders. Such instruction and programming would particularly benefit low-income students and underserved populations including students and teachers at high-need schools and low-access areas such as rural or inner-city communities. Recognizing that most civics programs focus on high school teachers and students, this bill would ensure funding for elementary, middle, and high school programs in order to create a lasting foundation for civic knowledge.

Madam Speaker, it is my sincere hope this body will expeditiously pass this measure. Doing so will reaffirm America's commitment to civics education, fostering a more informed citizenship that will only strengthen our democracy.

HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF DR. T. VAUGHN WALKER

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor and in loving memory of Dr. Thomas Vaughn Walker, who served not only his congregation but the greater community of my hometown of Louisville, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and more.

Dr. Walker spent his Sundays (and nearly every other day of the week) sharing God's word from a brick building near the corner of Seventh Street and Algonquin Parkway, where First Gethsemane Baptist Church has proudly stood since 1972. From March of 1984 on, Dr. Walker made First "G" his home, serving as its Senior Pastor for nearly 35 years.

Though he had a quiet and reserved demeanor, his words and his impact—from the pulpit and beyond—were incredibly powerful. When he spoke, you listened, and lives were changed. Because Dr. Walker not only shared the lessons of scripture, he also served as a mentor and teacher for countless more.

The first black professor to work full-time at a Southern Baptist Convention school, Dr. Walker retired after 30 years of teaching at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. He earned a Ph.D. degree from Oregon State University, a Master of Divinity and Christian Education degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, a Master of Science degree from Eastern Illinois University, and a Bachelor of Science degree from Hampton University. Education was an important part of Dr. Walker's faith, and he shared that knowledge far and wide.

Dr. Walker's family, including the love of his life and his Hampton University college sweetheart, Dr. Cheryl D. Walker; their three children, David, Mary, and Eryn; and their six grandchildren, Celeste, Celvion, Jai, Joi, Josiah, and Ella; will all remain in my continued thoughts and prayers, along with the entire church family of First Gethsemane Baptist.

Though his work on earth is now complete, I am confident that his words and his teachings will remain with so many of us, and will be carried on by all of those who were lucky enough to call him their friend and teacher.

I thank Dr. T. Vaughn Walker for a lifetime of service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Mrs. ROBY. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 52; "yea" on Roll Call No. 53; and "yea" on Roll Call No. 54.

IN RECOGNITION OF LEWISVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LEADERS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lewisville High School student leaders who have traveled to Washington, D.C. this week to study our nation's government. These twelve high school seniors, under the leadership of Principal Jeffrey Kajs, have continued Lewisville High School's strong legacy of leadership and service.

More than 60 years ago, the Lewisville High School Class of 1958 traveled to the U.S. Capitol for its senior class trip. Led by Senior Class President R.L. Crawford, students met with North Texas Congressman Frank Icard in April 1958.

Last summer, I had the privilege of joining Lewisville High School students past and present as members of the Class of 1958 presented a class photo with Congressman Icard to their alma mater. More than six decades later, their service to the school is paying dividends, particularly as the Class of 2019 follows in its footsteps.

The Lewisville High School Student Body Officers of 2018–2019 include:

President—Braeden Kajs
Vice President—Jordan Jackman
Secretary—Brooke White
Treasurer—Matthew Jimenez
Parliamentarian—Cecil Ehirindu
Historian—Jackie Hernández
Community Service Officer—Yessenia Regalado
LISD Liaison—Madison Jaegers
Multicultural Officer—Par Hnang
School Service Officer—Ariana Mata
School Service Officer—Danny Hair
Project Officer—Wesley Brewer

I appreciate these students' dedication to Lewisville High School and their North Texas neighbors, and wish them the best as they graduate this spring. Whether in six years or six decades, it is my hope that the Class of 2019 will return to Lewisville High School to continue this tradition for generations to come.

HONORING MASTER SERGEANT EDWARD K. SLAVIN, U.S. AIR FORCE, ON HIS RETIREMENT UPON 22 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, today I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Master Sergeant Edward K. Slavin, a resident of York, Pennsylvania, on his retirement following 22 years of dedicated service to our Country in the United States Air Force.

MSgt Slavin currently serves as the Aircraft Mechanic Supervisor at the 193rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron in Middletown, Pennsylvania. He entered the USAF in 1997, and served in numerous assignments and deployments throughout his distinguished career.